

**MINUTES**  
**SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE**

**Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013 at 12:00 PM**

City Hall, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan Wisconsin  
Third Floor Conference Room

**Present:** Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Greg Ryan, Ted Vallis, Kevin Struck, Laura Gumm, Mark Albert, Mayor Vandersteen, John Hill, Brian Schwaller, Daryl Carlson, Mark Pawasarat, Chad Pelishek, Mayor Vandersteen and Aaron Brault (quorum present)

**Excused:** Kevin Matichek, Pete Pittner and Mark Albert

**Citizen Observers:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M. (quorum present) and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. The July 11, 2013 minutes were approved. Ald. Carlson chaired the meeting.

**Mayor Vandersteen's interest in Sustainability Ratings & Guidance** – Greg Ryan and the Education & Promotion Group met with Mayor Vandersteen and Chad Pelishek after looking into sustainability website suggestions provided by the Mayor. Three websites looked promising after comparing scope and cost for a city such as Sheboygan. The sites were: Green Tier Legacy Communities" ([www.lwm-info.org](http://www.lwm-info.org)) ICLEI USA ([www.icleiusa.org](http://www.icleiusa.org)) and UW Extension's guidebook on Sustainability Tool Kit for Local Government 2 volumes, which were printed by City Development and passed out to the task force by Chad Pelishek.

Mayor Vandersteen and Chad Pelishek suggested that the task force work directly with city department personnel who make decisions on future projects, purchasing and operations rather than make proposals to Common Council which may not relate to what is being considered in departments or be affordable. SSTF focus groups would connect with suggested Department Contacts (list provided to Task Force by Chad Pelishek) to find out what the departments are doing, what they would like to do and how the Task Force could help the department accomplish sustainable goals.

The Task Force was very interested in this approach and Mayor Vandersteen promised to inform and encourage department contacts to work with the task force. Based on discussion, the task force saw joining the Green Tier Legacy Communities as a good step in comparing Sheboygan's sustainability efforts with other cities and to receive guidance as the city moves forward.

**Motion for Resolution: The Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force requests that the City of Sheboygan join "Green Tier Legacy Communities" in order to benefit from other Wisconsin communities and their sustainable projects.** The motion unanimously carried and will be sent to Council on Sept. 16, 2013 by Chad Pelishek.

**FOCUS GROUPS:**

**Energy** (Ted Vallis, Laura Gumm, Mark Pawasarat, Brian Schwaller, Mark Albert and Kevin Matichek)

Ted Vallis and group met with the Mayor and Mark Pawasarat (DPW) on two occasions to discuss and secure more LED lighting for city sites. With the help of some city Block Grant money (2 grants of \$15,000 each), LED lighting will be placed on 14<sup>th</sup> from Erie to Calumet and in Fountain Park. Mark will use old fixtures for knockdowns.

**Action for next meeting – Each focus group will reevaluate their task in light of working with various city department contacts. Please come with suggestions about which departments should be contacted by the various groups.**

**Next meeting – Nov. 14, 2013 noon.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary